



AFTER MORE LAND FRAUDS

Government Still Worrying Land Grabbers.

HENEY WILL TRY CASES

Hermann and Booth Will be Prosecuted by Celebrated Graft Lawyer.

STAFF OF MEN INVESTIGATING

Evidence Being Collected to Lay Before Grand Jury at Future Sitting.—Henev Didn't Catch All the Thieves at Former Investigation.

PORTLAND, Oct. 31.—Under the direction of Louis Glavis, a staff of operatives are now searching Oregon for new material on which to bring more indictments for land fraud cases. This information, which has been kept under cover, proves that the government has not lost interest in the land situation in Oregon and is continuing camping on the trail of the grafters.

For some time past the impression has prevailed that the government had wearied of the frauds in this state, and that this accounted for the delay in bringing men already indicted to trial. That such is not the case is shown from the program of Francis J. Henev, who, in the event of Langdon's election as district attorney in San Francisco next week, will come to Portland about the latter part of November and try two, and possibly three cases. Among these will be the Herrman case, and possibly the Booth case. According to Henev's plan, United States District Attorney W. C. Bristol will not begin any cases before his arrival, but after the latter's arrival will work with him in the prosecution.

After two or possibly three cases, Henev will probably turn over the remaining cases to Bristol for prosecution, while he will go to Washington in January to take up the Hyde-Benson cases. Such is the status of the land fraud cases now pending.

That the government believes the grafters have not all been rooted out in Oregon is indicated by the still hunt now being instituted. For four months during the summer inspector T. B. Neuhausen had a staff of men investigating, and with Mr. Neuhausen's transfer to another line of duty for the present, Louis Glavis has been sent to Portland to take up the work which Mr. Neuhausen was directing. Mr. Glavis is using the same corps of operatives and investigators that were under Mr. Neuhausen, and the work of inquiry and digging for crookedness has not paused for a moment.

Such evidence as is now being collected will be placed in shape to lay before some future grand jury, and it is understood that the land fraud ring which was broken up by Henev did not embrace all the individuals who have been stealing government lands through various schemes and frauds. How much longer Mr. Glavis will be kept in the field is not known, but there is enough work ahead to occupy his exclusive attention for considerable time.

YALE FOREST SCHOOL.

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—The committee appointed by the National Lumber Manufacturers' Association to look after obtaining \$150,000 to endow a professorship of lumbering in the Yale Forest School has reported that the subscriptions to date amount to \$67,500. Fifty thousand dollars of this endowment, in bonds, has already been turned over to Yale University, the income of which will be used for instruction in applied forestry and lumbering.

CENTURY IN COURT.

STAUNTON, Va., Oct. 31.—A case which has been occupying the various courts here for over one hundred years, was ended today in the Circuit Court by Major W. H. Landis, receiver, entering a decree which is considered final, show-

ing all disbursements in the case of Peck versus Borden and Borden vs. Borden. Over \$100,000 was involved and various decrees have been entered by almost every lawyer here. The heirs, numbering nearly 400, were from all parts of the country. The final decree approving the settlement of the receiver, Hon. Wm. H. Landis, involved only about \$5,000. One heir represented in the original suit as an infant, died some years ago at the age of 96 years. Nearly every lawyer at the bar for the past century has represented some of the heirs. The papers in the case were so voluminous that no body was familiar with all of them.

KILLED IN EXCAVATION.

SEATTLE, Oct. 31.—Two men were killed and one perhaps fatally injured in a cave-in of a hole which was being excavated for the reception of a large tank. The dead are Gustave Johnson and A. West; injured, Ole Johnson. Fully five tons of earth fell on Gustave Johnson and A. West. The men were completely buried. Ole Johnson was further out than the others and his head was not buried.

HEAVY INFANT.

Eight Months Old and Weighs as Much as Mother.

CHICAGO, Oct. 31.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Parkersburg, West Virginia, says:

A remarkable freak of nature is an infant of W. H. Banes, an employe of a factory at Matoaka. The babe, which is named William Edward Banes, is only eight months old and weighs 110 pounds. The babe at birth was of normal weight, but has increased steadily in weight until it is now a prodigy and weighs almost as much as its mother.

SAFE GUARD RACING

The Automobile Association Will Revolutionize Methods.

KICKS ON RECKLESS DRIVING

Committee Will Make Reports Cutting Down Number of Events and Will Compel Track Owners to Show Photos of Turns and Roadway of Tracks.

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—Automobile track racing, if continued in America with the sanction and approval of the American Automobile Association will be completely revolutionized in respect to the methods of conducting such events and the restrictions imposed. The committee appointed by the directors of the American Automobile Association a month ago to consider the future policy of the national organization on this important matter have agreed upon a report which will be acted upon by the association in the near future.

The committee does not make the radical recommendation that the track contests be abolished but propose changes to the sanction giving power that will mean a material reduction in the number of such events, while at the same time safeguarding them to the greatest possible extent. Most important of these changes are that no sanction shall be granted for any track meet except to a club or organization affiliated with the American Automobile Association; that such action shall be accompanied by a photograph of the track turns and a certificate stating that every detail of the track and grounds has been carefully examined. The American Automobile Association will then appoint a referee who shall pass upon the fitness not only of the track, but of the competing cars, and drivers. He will have power to refuse drivers to compete who are known as reckless drivers.

That a strong sentiment against track racing exists throughout the country was indicated by the result of the club vote asked for on this question. President Hotchkiss announced that of 33 clubs voting 27 were against the granting of any track sanctions. Three were in favor of holding races under certain restrictions, while only three voted for track racing unreservedly.

ANOTHER BOAT RACE.

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—Another boat race to Bermuda for the Bennett challenge cup, it is announced, will be started from this city on June 6. It is open to all seaworthy motor craft, not more than 70 feet over all, that comply with certain conditions for safety,

ADAMS UNDER PROTECTION

Claimed That Socialists Create Sentiment.

JURORS HARD TO GET

Many Talesmen Examined But Excused for Cause or Challenged.

MANY DETECTIVES PRESENT

Case Will Probably Take a Month Longer—Judge Hawley Arrives But Takes no Part in Proceedings—Socialist Agitator Made Speeches.

SPOKANE, Wash., Oct. 31.—The work of securing a jury to try Steve Adams for the murder of Fred Tyler is progressing slowly in the district court here, says a dispatch from Rathdrum, Idaho, to the Chronicle.

Judge Baker was asked if he did not make a statement to A. W. Post to the effect that he was opposed to capital punishment. He replied that he was not opposed. Mr. Post was called, and said Mr. Baker had made such a statement. Mr. Baker was challenged for cause, but the court declined to excuse him. The state interposed a peremptory challenge.

M. S. Warren, of Post Falls, had scruples against capital punishment, and was excused. B. F. Stockwell, of Rathdrum, was called. Mr. Knight asked Stockwell if he had read an interview quoting Ida Crouch Hazlett, a Socialist orator, as saying she was going to Kootenai County to educate the Adams jurors. The defense objected on the ground that no such interview had been given. Ralph L. Harmon, a reporter, was placed on the stand, and testified that the interview was as given. Mrs. Hazlett denied having made any such statement. At noon the court had not ruled on the decision.

When court adjourned, E. Van Housen, of Rathdrum, called Attorney Knight to account for statements made in his argument regarding the Socialists. Mr. Knight asked the protection of the court, insisting no one had a right to criticize his statements made in an argument.

J. H. Hawley, supposed to be leading counsel for the state, has arrived, but has taken no part in the proceedings. A large number of detectives are present and appear to be very busy. To date the state has excused two jurors peremptorily.

LATER.

SPOKANE, Oct. 31.—A Rathdrum special to the Spokesman-Review says: Socialism played a conspicuous part in the work today in securing a jury to try Steve Adams. It is contended that Adams is under the protection of the Socialists and the Western Federation of Miners. The defense having challenged as false an interview in the Spokesman-Review wherein Ida Crouch Hazlett, a Socialist agitator, declared she was going to Rathdrum to make speeches for the purpose of creating sentiment for Adams, R. L. Harmon, a reporter, who wrote the article, was placed on the stand and testified that Mrs. Hazlett did make the statement just as it was printed. Mrs. Hazlett was then put on the stand to deny the statement accredited to her. The jurymen under examination were examined closely as to what papers they had read. B. F. Stockwell said he had been reading the Appeal to Reason and Wiltshires magazine, both of which had been sent to him by whom he did not know. From the present outlook the case will consume a month and perhaps longer. Judge Hawley, of Boise, was here last night but went to Spokane today. It has not been determined that he will take part in the prosecution. From the present appearances, the jury will not be completed for ten days.

MAYOR IN ARREARS.

SEATTLE, Oct. 31.—Dr. Y. J. Acton, who resigned recently as Mayor of Bremerton and subsequently left the

city for parts unknown, is discovered to have left behind him a train of checks not protected by funds in the bank that will total fully \$1200. The checks were drawn in favor of his creditors on the Bank of Bremerton. Other debts left unpaid total \$3000. Practically all of his property he deeded to his wife three years ago. When he left Bremerton he had about \$8000 in cash derived from the sale of his drug store. He made affidavit when he sold the store that this debts were all paid. Dr. Acton made no secret of his intention of leaving Bremerton. He visited all his lodges and told his friends of his intended departure. His wife and family are still there and they claim to know nothing of his whereabouts.

TO MAKE BAILEY TESTIFY.

Attorney-General of Texas Will Summon Him in Standard Oil Case.

DALLAS, Tex., Oct. 31.—Attorney-General Davidson today addressed a letter to United States Senator Bailey as a sequel to the senator's speech of last Saturday night at the banquet to Governor Campbell. Among the statements in the letter are two in substance as follows:

"Suit will be started against the Standard Oil Co.," and "inasmuch as you know so much about the Standard Oil Co., I shall call you as a witness."

RICH WOMAN BURGLAR

CHICAGO, Oct. 31.—Mrs. Evalin Romadka, wife of a Milwaukee millionaire, was indicted today on six counts, alleging burglary and receiving stolen property.

WANT MORE MONEY

Panama Canal Committee Ask for Appropriation.

HOUSE COMMITTEE TO INSPECT

Representative Tawney and Other Members Leave for Canal to Make Personal Inquiry—\$30,000,000 Asked for Construction for Fiscal Year.

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—Representative James A. Tawney of Minnesota, accompanied by the other members of the committee of appropriations of the house of representatives, of which he is the chairman, will leave New York today on the steamship Colon for the Isthmus to make personal inquiry into the present and prospective monetary needs of the Panama canal.

"We are making the trip," said Mr. Tawney, today, "mainly because the Isthmian canal commission has asked for an appropriation of \$32,000,000, with which to continue its work for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1908."

"Congress fixed arbitrarily the cost of the canal at \$138,000,000. Thus far Congress has authorized the issuance of canal bonds to the extent of \$77,000,000. If we find that the estimate of \$32,000,000 made by the commission for continuing the work of construction through the next fiscal year is correct, we shall unhesitatingly grant it. If we grant that sum then the actual cost of the canal to the first of July, 1900, will be \$100,000,000, or \$30,000,000 short of the original cost of construction, exclusive of the \$40,000,000 we paid to the New Panama Canal Company for its property and franchise rights and \$10,000,000 to the Republic of Columbia for our franchisees. At the present rate of construction the work ought to be completed by January 1, 1914, but in order to be on the safe side I will give a year's leeway and fix the date of completion at the first of January, 1915. I also estimate that the total cost of construction will be not less than \$250,000,000, thus making the canal cost us in actual cash \$300,000,000."

TEXAS LETS GO MANY BALES.

First Break in Farmers' Union Cotton Holding Plan—Got 113 Cents.

HOUSTON, Oct. 31.—The first break in the ranks of the farmers' union in holding cotton for 15 cents occurred in the sale of 1000 bales to Inman, Nelms & Co. The sale was made at 113 cents. The deal was made through the head office of the union, located in Houston. The monetary situation is causing unrest among the holders. The efforts made to keep the sale a secret failed.

ADMITS HE KILLED WIFE

Fired Bullet Into Her Dead Body.

WANTED TO MURDER

Wardell Says His Mind Was Upset by His Wife's Misdeeds.

AFRAID TO KILL HIMSELF

Murderer Suggested That They Die Together and Placed Gas Tube in Wife's Mouth, Then Fired Bullet Into Her Brain.

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—After being convicted of manslaughter in the first degree in aiding and abetting his wife to commit suicide, James Wardell today confessed he killed her and fired a bullet into her dead body to give the impression that she ended her own life. Wardell said his mind had been completely upset by his wife's misdoings and he suggested that they die together. She readily agreed. He then placed a gas tube in his wife's mouth and turned on the gas and when she was dead his own courage failed and he dared not end his own life. He then thought to shield himself by firing a shot into her brain to make it appear she committed suicide. After the confession Wardell said:

"Try me for murder, that's what I want; that's what I wanted to be."

REGULATE CORPORATIONS.

Louisiana Proposes Legislation at Extra Session Just Convened.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 31.—The passage in Louisiana of a law similar to those recently enacted or proposed in other Southern States for the regulation of corporations was today presented before the extra session of the State Assembly by proclamation of Lieutenant-Governor Sanders.

The ousting from the state of corporations by state law is one of the measures suggested. Others include investigation and regulation of telephone, telegraph, railroad and express business. The extra session meets tomorrow. The fact that the lieutenant-governor's proclamation is issued during the absence of Governor Blanchard, only four days after the latter's unexpected call for an extra session, created unusual interest. Lieutenant-Governor Sanders is one of the candidates for the nomination for Governor in the approaching Democratic state primary election. Governor Blanchard's call was issued last Saturday night, soon after he left for the Jamestown Exposition. Governor Blanchard's call laid before the assembly as being an investigation of New Orleans port conditions and reductions in the state tax department. The telephone investigation has already been started independently.

UNEARTH PLOT AGAINST CZAR.

Two Discovered Undermining Tsarsko-Selo Railway and Held by Gendarmes.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 31.—A supposed plot against the life of the czar has been frustrated by the accidental discovery of preparations to undermine the railway near Tsarsko-Selo. The entrance to a tunnel was disclosed, into which huntmen descended and found two men engaged in driving a shaft toward the railway. They were arrested and handed over to the gendarmes at Tsarsko-Selo. The prisoners had the plan of a mine and telegrams asking how the work was progressing.

TRAVELS ON HORSEBACK.

Otto Wagner Goes 1300 Miles in 52 Days.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Oct. 31.—Travel stained and brown from exposure, but hale and hearty, Otto Wagner, pulled into Memphis yesterday after going 1300 miles on horseback, and finishing the

feat in 52 days of continuous traveling. Mr. Wagner started from his home in Battle Creek, Mich., August 29, and of the intervening time, 52 days were spent in the saddle, the unaccompanied days being spent in cities along the route. Mr. Wagner, who is only 21 years old, will remain in Memphis for some days the guest of friends. If he returns to Battle Creek he declares he will adopt the same mode of travel.

LOS ANGELES OPEN.

Governor's Proclamation Will Not Affect Them.

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 31.—News of the governor's proclamation reached this city too late to admit of discussion in financial circles but it is said tonight by leading financiers of Los Angeles that the banking institutions of the city will open in the morning as usual and resume business with the clearing-house restrictions relating to use of certificates. Reports received from all banks of the city yesterday indicate that the precautionary measure in force in other parts of the country had been gradually adopted without any effect upon the local financial situation which is generally regarded as untroubled.

PARCELS POST.

CHICAGO, Oct. 31.—The question of establishing a parcels post in this country will be the subject of an address before the Industrial Club on November 7th by Postmaster-General George von L. Meyer. The occasion will be a dinner to be given the members of the club and their guests.

COL. WALKER DEAD

Well Known Military Officer Dies Suddenly.

POPULAR WHEREVER KNOWN

Colonel Walker Was Commanding Officer at Fort Stevens and Was Popular With Military Men and Civilians—Was Recently Transferred to Boston.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 31.—Col. Leverett H. Walker, coast artillery corps commandant Fort Stevens, at the mouth of the Columbia river, who was recently transferred to Boston, died in this city yesterday from heart failure. He was in command last July from the 5th to the 20th, when the Oregon National Guard engaged in joint maneuvers with the regular coast defense corps at Fort Stevens.

The news of Col. Walker's death will be read, with deep regret, by the many friends he made in this country. Colonel Walker, by his knowledge of military matters, and his pleasing personality, had won a host of friends among the officers and men under him, and the citizens of different parts of this state, who had come in personal contact with him. As commanding officer of the post, during the late maneuvers, he was brought in direct communication with members of the militia who participated, and endeared himself to them, as an officer and a man. Much regret was expressed when he was transferred to Boston this summer, and now the news of his death will be a shock to this community and his many friends in Oregon.

OVERCOME BY SMOKE.

CHICAGO, Oct. 31.—Five firemen were overcome by smoke and a loss of \$500,000 was caused in a fire in the five story building at State and Quincy streets, occupied by the Golden Shoe Company early today.

The fire broke out in the top floor in the repair department, and before the firemen arrived had spread to the next floor below. The burning leather filled the building with a dense smoke, and the firemen, unable to enter the structure, were compelled to fight the flames from the roofs of adjoining buildings. The five firemen were on a fire escape at the time they were overcome.

D. M. McIntosh, manager of the concern, said that the company carried a stock of more than \$300,000, and that the entire stock was ruined. It is estimated that the building was damaged to the extent of \$50,000. Traffic on State street was tied up for more than two hours. The cause of the fire is not known.

CASH SUPPLY INCREASES

Cotton and Grain Crops Facilitate Movement.

CREDITS GOOD ABROAD

Currency Payments Will be Resumed on Broad Scale Thus Restoring Confidence.

EASTERN CITIES IMPORT GOLD

Action of the Bank of England in Raising Discount Rate Was Expected—Financial Situation is Resuming Normal State.

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—Indications that the available supply of cash would be materially increased within a short time with imports of gold, and an increase of bank note circulation and that the movement of cotton and grain crops would be facilitated in every way possible with the result of increasing our credits abroad, were salient features of today's financial situation. It seemed to be recognized everywhere that the acute stage of the crisis was over and that all that remained was to obtain sufficient currency to resume currency payments upon a broad scale and thus restore conditions prevailing before the crisis. Engagements of gold made in New York, Chicago and elsewhere brought up the total import movement within the past week to \$23,750,000. As this amount of gold will form the basis credit for four times that amount, or about \$95,000,000 it will in itself afford much relief to existing conditions. The action of the Bank of England in raising its discount rate from 4 1/2 to 5 1/2 percent was in accordance with expectations. The fact that the increase was not made to 6 percent and that the English rate remains one percent below the German rate is accepted as an indication that in London the situation is not considered acute.

STUDIES WEATHER.

American System of Observation Superior to German.

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—Dr. William Polls, of the German weather bureau, a member of the International Aeronautical Congress, has sailed for home after several months stay in this country during which he made a careful study of American methods of weather observation, with the personal assistance of Director Moore. He said before leaving that he had found the American system of weather observation far superior to that of Germany, and he was returning with some valuable information for adoption by the German bureau. Dr. Polls said that when he told President Roosevelt this, the President smilingly replied:

"I am glad that we have something in this country that a German considers superior to that of his country. It is usually the other way. The Germans are more scientific than we are, but we are more practical."

PLAGUE SWINDLER.

SEATTLE, Oct. 31.—Claiming that he is an agent of the Seattle Board of Health, a novel swindler has duped many housewives by selling them packages of white powder for 25 cents each, declaring the board of health has decided it is the proper thing to kill rats and that an order has been passed requiring every resident in Seattle to have one package. The housewives believed the bogus health agent and bought the packages of powder, which were later found to contain nothing but pure chalk dust. The swindler made a canvass of the district at Yesler way and Fifteenth avenue, and it is claimed he sold a package of his "poison" at almost every house in three blocks. He declared to the housewives that it made no difference to him if they did not buy it, but that the Health Board had determined to prevent a spread of bubonic plague, and if they did not buy a package they would probably get into trouble.